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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Resources Division, ORR

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] 25X1A

THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM : Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT : Steel Plants, Communist China

REFERENCES : (1) ORR Requirement No. C-RR4-81,080
(2) CIA/PID Project No. C 362-64 25X1D

25X1D 1. This memorandum is in response to the referenced requirement which asks for the level of operation and status of construction at selected iron and steel plants in Communist China as observed on Mission [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED]. The identification of an unknown facility near Sung-chiang, China, was also requested.

25X1D 2. The Tai-yuan Iron and Steel Plant (See CIA/PID/IB-P-838/64 through P-840/64) was only in partial operation. The only facilities which were observed in operation were both of the by-products coke plants, one and possibly the second medium sized blast furnace, and the open hearth furnace building. No smoke, steam or other indicators of activity were observed at the other facilities. The associated thermal power plant was in operation. No construction activity was seen. No apparent changes have been made since the last coverage of the plant [REDACTED]. Mission [REDACTED] provided only fair coverage so a detailed comparison could be made. 25X1D

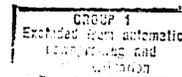
25X1D 3. The Shih-ching-shan Iron and Steel Plant (See CIA/PID/IB-P-841/64) was in operation. Due to the obliquity and industrial haze and fumes it was not possible to determine fully the level of operation; however, the following facilities were in operation: by-products coke plant, blast furnaces, and at least one cupola furnace at the converter shop. No construction activity was observed and there was no apparent change in facilities since Mission [REDACTED].

25X1D 4. The Pao-tou Iron and Steel Plant (See CIA/PID/IB-P-842/64) appears to be completely shut down. The associated thermal power plant is in operation. Construction activity continues on the ore concentration plant; however, there is no construction activity at the open hearth furnace building or at the rolling mill site. Other than the progress noted at the ore concentration plant, all facilities are the same as those observed on Mission [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED]. 25X1D

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6. The photo analyst assigned to this project was [REDACTED] 25X1A
who may be contacted on extension 2547 should any questions arise concerning
this project. This memorandum and enclosures completes this requirement.

ENCLOSURES:

6 Annotated Photographic Enlargements
(CIA/PID/IB-P-838/64 thru P-843/64)

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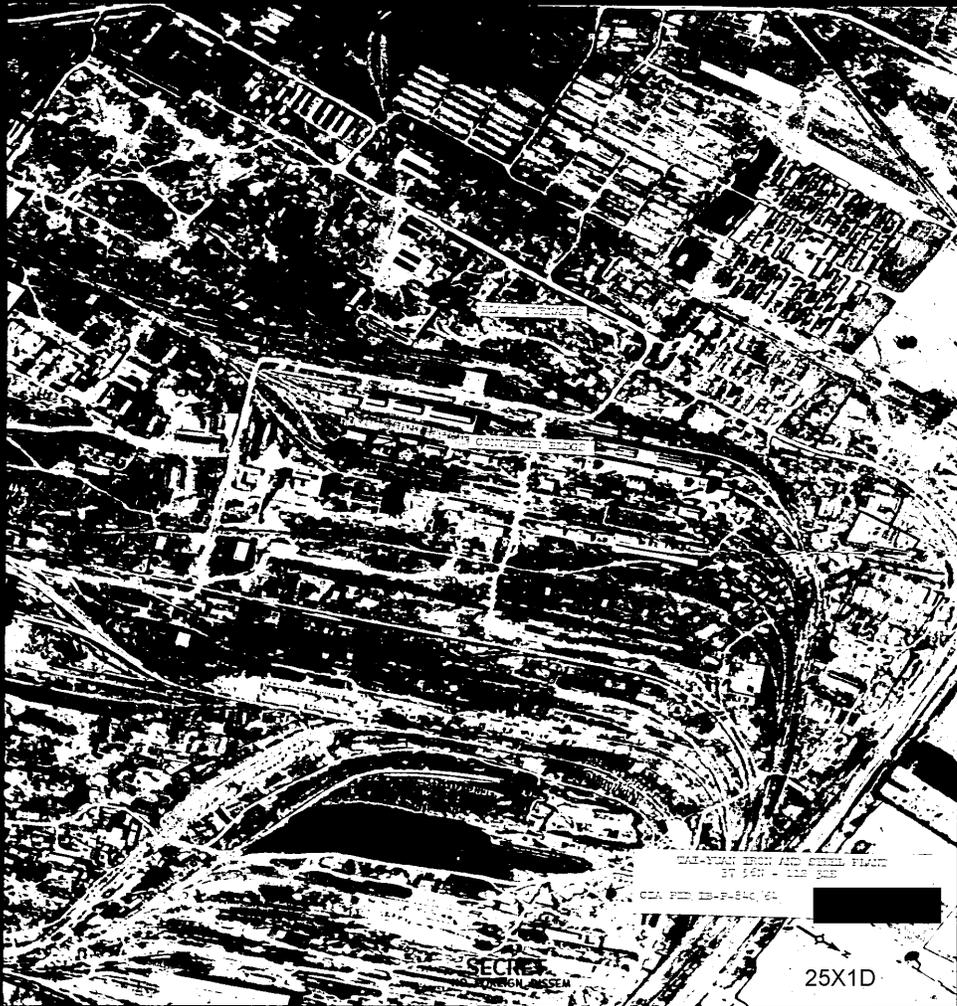
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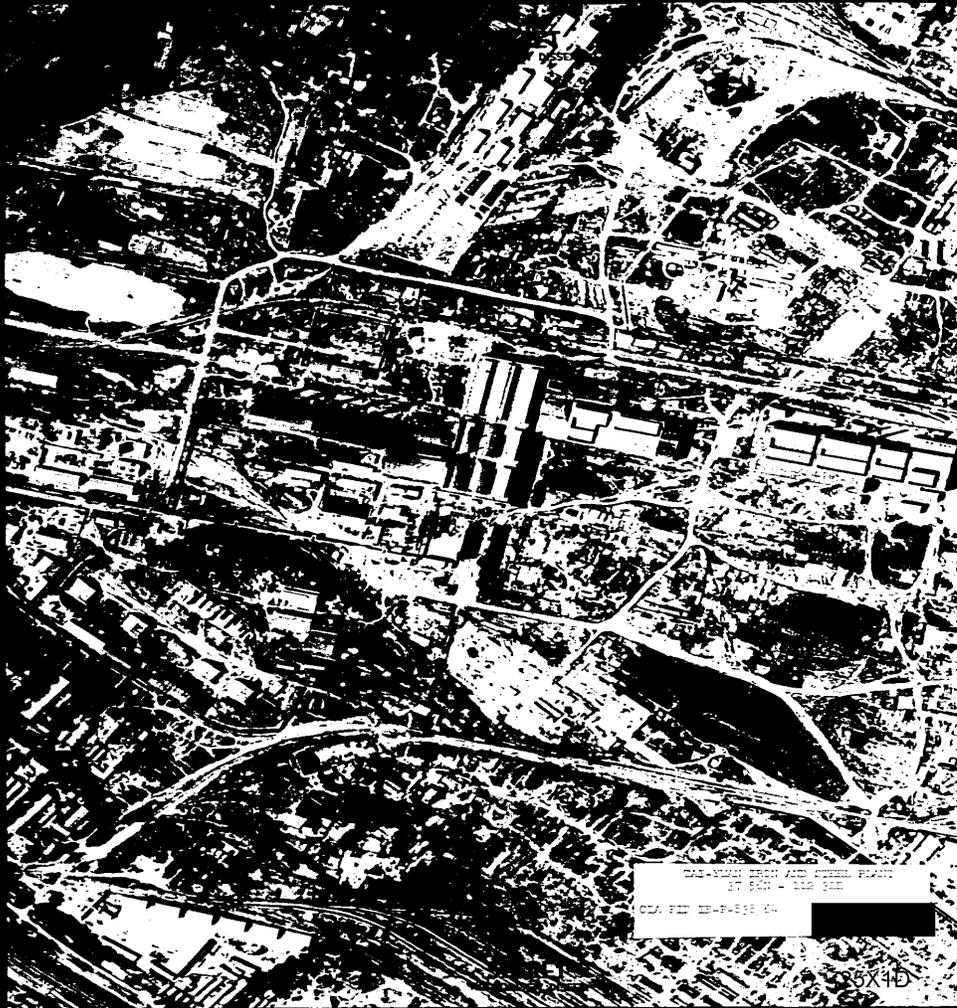
BY-PRODUCTS COKE PLANT



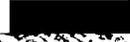
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